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Title:

ROLLING BEARING FOR PROTECTION OF MAGNETIC

BEARING

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2001 in the abovecaptioned patent application, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the title:

Please delete the prior title in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof:

-- BEARING UNIT WITH MAGNETIC BEARING PROTECTION UPON ROTATION STOPPAGE --.

In the claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A bearing unit comprising a rolling bearing and a magnetic bearing which supports a rotatable shaft in a non-contact condition, wherein the rolling bearing is arranged to be connected to the rotatable shaft for supporting the rotatable shaft upon rotation stoppage, the rolling bearing comprising a double row, angular ball bearing and provided on the side where thrust load is received or on the side where positioning in the axial direction is carried out, the double row, angular ball bearing having inner and outer races, and one of the

